Grants to NGOs' by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

5520. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) have been given grants for training of youths, promotion of national integration, adventures etc.;

(b) if so, how the NGOs are selected for such grants and in what manner their activities are monitored, so as to ensure proper utilisation of grants;

(c) when this scheme was started and how far the desired benefits have been achieved; and

(d) whether Government propose to involve more such NGOs in these activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Viable proposals from the NGOs who have legal status and have completed three years from the date of their registration under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or any other corresponding Act of the State Government(s) are considered for grant-in-aid in accordance with the laid down norms of the Scheme(s). The proposals as per schemes are required to be routed through competent recommending authorities who are also requested to monitor the programmes of the NGOs for which grant is given.

(c) The schemes are in operation for more than 15 years and are being run by the Ministry satisfactorily. Through these schemes, the youth are benefited by way of upgradation of their vocational skills. They also inculcate the spirit of national integration and a sense of adventure, spirit of risk taking, co-operative team work and endurance.

(d) Within the constraints of funds available under these schemes, Government would like to encourage the participation of as many NGOs as possible in the implementation of these schemes.